

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes
July 11, 2012

Board Attendance Record

William Dryburgh (92/102)
Vacant
Maria Greenberg (27/32)
Lou Spacco (25/27)
John Hitzel (26/27)
Katherine Ariens (15/16)

Present

William Dryburgh
Maria Greenberg
John Hitzel
Katherine Ariens

Absent

Fred Pazona (15/19)

County Representatives

Andy Stevens, Acting Director/Pks. Nat. Manager
Jane Ravella, Administrative Assistant
Bob Starr, Commission Liaison
Todd Taylor, Financial Consultant

Guest

Douglas Tucker
Jonathan Rodriguez
Ross McCollum
John McCollum

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Dryburgh at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

I. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Corrected Minutes from the June 6, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2012

➤ **Review Pool Revenues**

Homework - Pool Recommendations –

First recommendation by John Hitzel was to meet with North Port and offer pool passes for the North Port Residents.

CORRECTION to Minutes: First recommendation by John Hitzel was to meet with North Port and “make an offer they can’t refuse”, in essence meaning more than pool passes.

II. Division Reports

Reports were distributed by email to members before the meeting.

➤ John Hitzel – Had questions:

- Kids Creating Change? Being held at Ann Dever Memorial Oyster Creek Regional Park fundraiser to benefit Kid’s Needs of Greater Englewood. July 28, 2012.
- Mediation of Jill Hall Lawsuit – it’s still in mediation – no comment.

III. New Business

- Jonathan Rodriguez – Making his plea to allow BMX Bikers to use JM Berlin Skatepark for that purpose. Discussion took place to possibly look into finding another piece of land that the county may be able to allow them to develop a BMX Bike Park area. They would also need to look into donations to have the pools/bowls built for the specifications of the bikes. This isn’t a quick fix to the problem they have in Englewood, and another suggestion was made for Jonathan to meet with Mrs. Berlin at the skatepark and talk to her. Possibly make a suggestion to hold Expo of BMX Bike riders for a few hours and see what kind of response you get from Mrs. Berlin. The Board suggested he take the time to talk to Mrs. Berlin and if that doesn’t work, let Katherine lead

you into getting on the road for developing a new park. You might want to also contact Amanda Carr for her connections in the BMX Bike world.

IV. Old Business

None

V. Sports Council Update

- Youth Sports Council next meeting set for July 11th at 5:45 p.m. at Mid-County Library Administration Conference Room.
 - Maria attended the meeting, but not much had been brought up. The meeting was only about 45 minutes. It's that time of the year. Maria stated she will be at the next meeting.

VI. Member Issues

- John Hitzel went back to the pool issues when he suggested to “make them an offer they couldn’t refuse” – he thought that North Port could organize their own pool programs around our pools, swim lessons, and let them have a role in it, paying us to use it, and to use our skilled people for the pools, and if we offer it to North Port it has to be more integral that way so they have an ownership, and they can sell pool passes and make a buck or two.
- John made a motion to “change the compilation recommendation to broaden the idea”. Maria seconded and all approved.
- Kathy asked about the discussion of the compilation pool recommendation report that was in the packet - Andy met with staff to review the recommendations and he asked to give him a couple of weeks to come up with a status report as they have started to work on some of the recommendations.

VII. Director’s Report –

- Summer Camp going very well.
- 3 Playgrounds CIP project going to the Board on the 24th.
- Bill asked about newspaper letter – concession is in the process of being rebuilt, just not in time for his tournament.
- Bob Starr asked how can we get better marketing and advertising. To hold these events our biggest problem is parking.

VIII. Citizen Input None

IX. Announcements None

X. Upcoming Events - Events as listed on the Agenda

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1:55 p.m.

CC: Commissioner Robert Skidmore, District 1
Commissioner Chris Constance, District 2
Commissioner Robert Starr, District 3
Commissioner Stephen Deutsch, District 4
Commissioner Tricia Duffy, District 5
Raymond Sandrock, Administrator
Kelly Shoemaker, Assistant County Administrator